

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of )  
Yoshinari HIGAKI et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/576,177 )  
Filed: April 19, 2006 )  
For: Semiconductor Device )  
Art Unit: 2874 )  
Examiner: Tina Mei Seng Wong )  
Confirmation No.: 7224 )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE (F) TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action of November 17, 2009.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claim 6.

Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining rejection in the Office Action.